

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Will would move to return the bill for specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1422 of the Journal. (See AM1363.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will is not here. I understand Senator Hall will handle that amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The amendment that is found in the Journal is a change that was adopted through Senator Kristensen's amendment to the bill. LB 461 was a consent calendar bill that was amended, I believe it was March 16th, by Senator Kristensen's amendment that incorporated the provisions, if you open your Final Reading copy, it is probably easiest to explain it this way. It deals with provisions or relating to hours of service of drivers and the change that Senator Will's amendment would make would be found on page 4 and 5, and it would reduce the number of hours that were increased through Senator Kristensen's amendment. On line 23, twelve would be reduced to ten, and it says, and this is what it would read, it says that, "Hours Of Service Of Drivers, of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations adopted in subsection (1) of this section, shall apply to motor carriers and drivers who engage in intrastate commerce as defined in Section 75-302, except that no motor carrier who engages in intrastate commerce shall permit or require any driver used by it to drive nor shall any driver drive:" and then it lists the limitations. What this amendment would do would reduce from twelve hours, following...it says more than twelve hours following eight consecutive hours off duty, this would take it back to ten, as I understand it, where it was prior to the Kristensen amendment. Then below, the next line 25, it says, for any period, having been on duty sixteen hours, it would reduce that back to fifteen, where it was prior to the Kristensen amendment, and then on page 5 it says, having been on duty seventy hours in any seven consecutive days, it'd reduce that back to the sixty, as it was prior to the Kristensen amendment, and then in line 6 on page 5, having been on duty eighty hours in any period of eight consecutive days, it would reduce the eighty back to seventy. This is an amendment, as I understand it, that was brought by Senator Will. He is unable to be here and I offer that amendment on his behalf. The issue is one that, as you can tell, I am very well versed with. It deals with the...there are a number of issues dealing with the fleet safety compliance manual, and, frankly, and the Federal